provides a rental

Choice Voucher

program for

[Family

self

families

Section 8 Rental Assistance

In 75 Tennessee counties, the Rental Assistance Division assistance program for very low income families (Housing Program), a mortgage assistance program for low income (Homeownership Voucher Program) and a self sufficiency participants of the voucher programs who wish to attain financial sufficiency and become free of government services Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program].

All of

Urban success partners non-

and local

Over the past participants Program in

or

private rental managed by 2,500 landlords, and 30 participants in the Homeownership Voucher Program in conjunction with 15 nonprofit, for-profit or government lenders. As part of the Housing Choice Voucher program, THDA administers 70 Fair Share vouchers and 50 Mainstream vouchers, both of which

social service

target rental assistance to the disabled.

the programs are 100% federally funded through the Department of Housing and Development (HUD). To achieve in each of these programs, THDA with local property owners, realtors, profits, such as the Neighborworks Organizations, Rural Development,

year, THDA has

in the Housing

providers.

served over 5,600 Choice Voucher units owned

200 voucher families participated in the FSS Program in 2004, with more than 50 percent earning escrow. In the FSS Program, as a family's earned income increases, their rent burden increases. THDA sets aside the dollar amount of the rent increase each month in a family graduates, the total escrow is disbursed to savings or escrow account. When the them. THDA had 28 FSS graduates in 2004 and distributed \$74,861 in escrow funds to graduates.

The Rental Assistance Division was administering the Housing Choice Voucher Program and FSS consecutive year by HUD Management Assessment

designated a High Performer in Voucher Program, Homeownership Program for the fourth through their Section 8 Program (SEMAP).